

CHEISTMAS IN NEW YORK.

BOW IT WAS ENJOYED BY THE CITI-ZINS OF THE METROPOLIS.

the Decorations in the Houses of Worship-The Javous Penls of the Church Bells-the Sumpinous Public Dinners-The Sud-cened Prisoner on Binckwell's Island.

Yesterday was not a pleasant day for Phristmas ; but such as it was, with its leadplored skies overhead, its seas of mud underearching, it was enjoyed reasonably well fair proportion of Gothamites. It came upon the heels of the panic to allow onble-and-twisted intensity of enthu-h which its coming is usually greeted, associated with it in the invariably rmth for the body and food for the mach, the absence of the cheery sunlight

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out wretch in its ruthless grasp the lay; despair reigned in many a soul; , the destroyer, added more than one unending list of victories long before

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Rethiehem. The infant reposed on straw under a straw-thatched stable garlanded with evergreens and flowers, and lighted with a galaxy of shining tapers. The church was filled before 10 A. M., and by half past 10 it was packed. The congregation was orderly in general, though there was more inattention and talking among some of the younger persons than seemed decorous. Solemn high mass was celebrated with the magnificence that is usual in St. Stephens's on the great church holidays.

The sermon, on the Nativity, was preached by the Rev. Dr. McGlynn. It was short, impressive, eloquent, and fervid. The music was Mozart's "Tweitth Mass," played by an orchestra of twenty pieces, and sung by fifty voices under the direction of Danforth at the organ and Carl Bergman conducting. The soprano soles were well rendered by Mme. Bredelli, who was in excellent voice. Coletti's bass and Bernard's tenor notes were fine, and the obox accompaniment in the "Sanctus" and "Acnus Del" was tastefully and effectively given. The festival for the Sunday-school children was held at 2 P. M. in the passment, and vespers at 45 P. M.

They became quiet and went on with their turkey, when Mr. Fliess told them that the sole purpose of the meeting was to eat, drink, and be merry. While the several relays of bovs were eating crowds filled the gymnasium and halls, and if any of them were unnapy they did not show it. The number entertained exceeded four hundred, and a medical spectator said there was not an ounce of dyspensia among them all. At the same time there was another entertainment in St. Vincent's Home, 53 and 55 Warren street. There the gymnasium was neatly fitted up as a dining half. The interior and exterior of the building were tastefully decorated. The conventional roast turkey, plum pudding, ice cream, and other ingredients of a hearty feast were served to two hundred boys. The expense of the meal was defrayed by Janes Leavy. Esq., of the firm of Reilly, Leavy & Co., 1 Beaver street. Father Drumgoole, the Director, made an impressive address to the boys at the conclusion of the festivities.

A Brilliant Anniversary Service.

The fittieth anniversary of the founding of St. Thomas's Church, Fifty-third street and very impressive services. The edifice was decorated with evergreens, and in the chancel were a number of fine large cedar trees. Banners with 1823 and 1873 embroidered on them were

with 1823 and 1873 embroidered on them were streaming from the chancel, and numerous lighted was tapiers shed their light throughout the beautiful building.

The services commenced at 7:30 A. M. with sunrise services, consisting of collects, Christmas hymns, and carols. At 11 A. M. the morning sarvice and Holy Communion were celebrated, the church being crowded. The sermon, from the gospel of the day, was preached by the rector, the Hev. Dr. Win. F. Morgan. The music was executed by the organist, Mr. T. A. Schnecker; and Mr. A. F. Toulmier, harpist. The solo singers were: Mrs. P. D. Gulager, sonrano; Miss Louise M. Finch, contralto; Mr. J. R. Nilson, tenor; and Mr. J. E. Morawski, basso.

with the same, even imprisonment might be made endurable. It suited the palate of the prisoner, else the news stimulated his appetite, for between him and his assistant only empty dishes were left in a very few minutes. More visitors called after luncheon, and the altered demeaner of the prisoner was remarked by them. Its explanation could be readily interred from his conversation. He never tired of taking about the acquittal of ex-Mayor Hall. It had fastened the conviction on him that there was reason for hope. He parted with his visitors with a warmth of manner that has been a stranger to him hitherto, The day grew old with these pleasant interrudes of prison life. As the time for parting with his sons drew near he become quiet and self-absorbed. When the hour came he embraced them tenderly, again and again, and as the door closed on them he resumed his prison duties with an energy bred of eagerness for diversion from self. The prison physicians say that I weed's health has improved very much lately.

usual Christmas dinner for the inmates of the nententiary. They were not required to work, however, and they gazed wearily through the barred wickets at visitors. They looked as though their Christmas holiday had proved to be the most wearlsome day of the week.

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It was a day of gloom in the pestilential Tombs. The recent order of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction forbidding the sending of food to prisoners by their relatives or friends was rigidly enforced. The general impression among outsiders was that the inmates of the dreary place would eat a substantial only superading list of victories long before the property of the state of the property of the property of the state of the property of the prop dinner, provided by the Commissioners, but nothing of the kind was ordered by the gentle-men who hold forth in the Eleventh street and

THE SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR.

Chaplain Jones and his Good Work-The Old Tars will Take their Grog-A Yara from One of Farragut's Messmates.

Yesterday the 420 ancient mariners in the Sailors' Snug Harbor on Staten Island were treated to a royal dinner of turkey and etpreached in the neat little church to a numerous congregation. Chaplain Jones has probably experienced more of the ups and downs of life has been in the institution ten years. At twelve and went to sea as a cabin boy. For ten years he served before the mast, and but at the end of this time he was converted. and began the study of divinity to devote his life to the salvation of sallors. As soon as he was qualified he went among the sallors of the great lakes, and opened the first Bethel in the United States, in St. Louis. Then he returned to this city, and was for many years the pastor of the Mariners' Church. Worn out and broken down in the service, he was about to start for Europe in search of rest and health, when the trustees of the Snug Harbor appointed him Mr. Jones for an old tar. He has no sign of the rolling gait which sailors so seldom shake off, and his language is that of a man of culture and learning. But he knows the sailors, and can talk to them in their own way. His sermons

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FOUR GOLD CERTIFICATES. A RICH FIRGINIAN'S ADVENTURES IN NEW YORK CITY.

Wine Drinking in Delmonico's-A Night in a Cell-A Fortune Missed. Several days ago Mr. Burr S. Craft, a wealthy planter from Virginia, complained to Justice Bixby of the Tombs Police Court that | the station agents. The tickets were all of one be had been robbed of three gold certificates of \$5,000 each. The attention of Superintendent tives Farley and Sampson were detailed to make

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Mr. Craft, who makes the grave complaint

A TELL-TALE RAILROAD HICKET. The Breaking Up of a Gang of Westchester County Burglars.

Yesterday Sergeant Armstrong, of the Nineteenth sub-precinct, lodged Charles P. Talman in the Westchester county jail, on three charges of burglary. On the night of the 16th inst., the Harlem railroad depot at Mott Haven was robbed of 250 tickets, a valise, an opera glass, three shirts, and an overcoat belonging to series between Mott Haven and New York, and were numbered from 29,750 to 29,900. Entrance Matsell having been called to the case. Detector to the building was effected through a window, the shutter of which was burst off. Last Friday

tives Farley and Sampson were detailed to make the necessary investigations. Under the instructions of Capt. James irving of the detective force, they first interrogated Mr. Craft. From him they learned that having become intimate with one Aznes Auld he had been blackmailed by her and her mother, and that to save himself from further persecution he had contracted to pay them a certain sum annually to be released; and that Agnes afterward went to his home in Virginia, stole the contract, and brought it to New York, whence she wrote to him to come at once to see her. He had no sooner arrived here than he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff William Conklin, in the Aulds house, on a suit for seduction instituted by the younger woman.

The Deputy Sheriff took him before Judson Jarvis at the Sheriff's office, and he was there called to answer the charge. He had four gold certificates of \$5,000 each. One of these he endorsed, and deposited with Mr. Jarvis as security. The detectives tell the rest of the story thus:

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The numbers of the stolen tickets were given to the conductors, and seried. Armstrong zave orders to detain any person resemble to Conductor Holdridge. He looked sharply at the man who presented it and passed on without saying a word. Arriving at the depot he had the man arrested. He gave his name to Sergt. Armstrong as Charles P. Talman, a clerk in the Architectural Iron Works in Fourteenth street. He told the Sergeant that he had found the par, who had committed all of the burglaries the Sergeant locked him up. Three pawn tickets for part of the stolen property were found in his pockets. Then he confessed. He said that two others were with him, but he says he does not know their names.

Talman is a young man, the son of wealthy and respectable parents in Tremont.

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Capt. McCullough Stirring Up the Friends of an Inflaential Politician.

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Boehm of the Thirty-seventh street police descended on the large beer saloon of George F.
Greene, 5 West Thirtieth street, where a number of players were engaged in a game of draw
poker. At the appearance of the police they
decamped, but all the furniture of the apartment, consisting of twelve cane armchairs, two
round tables, and a large number of ivery
checks and packs of cards was seized.

PICKINGS AND STEALINGS.

THE TREASURT DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Enormous Cost of Gas and Fuel-Fearful Wear and Tenr of Towels-Great Con-sumption of Water (noters-A Wheelbar-row which Cost \$32.75 to Repair. Washington, Dec. 25.—Last summer Tri■

Sun exposed in detail the enormous growth of the contingent expenditures of the Treasury Department under the present Administration. and the vast amount of pickings and stealings this fund afforded. Among other things it showed from the official report of the Superintendent of the Treasury building that during the fiscal year 1872 there was paid for repairs to two wagons \$2,590.93, and for repairing harness \$1,131.88. Carriages during the same year were repaired to the extent of \$1,176.70, and horseshoeing cost \$333.53. THE SUN also showed from official sources that a national laundry was maintained at the same department, and that

McDermott & Bros., repairs to wheelbarrow. \$32.5 The certainly must have been an upholstered wheel arrow.

King Charles in a Mercer Street Police Sta-tion.
Yesterday a company of fantasticals was

marching up Broadway, all more or less under the in-fluence of liquor. Patrick Moran, of 514 East Eleventh